

VARIETIES OF COMPLEXES AND FOLIATIONS

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ABSTRACT. Let $\mathcal{F}(r, d)$ denote the moduli space of algebraic foliations of codimension one and degree d in complex projective space of dimension r . We show that $\mathcal{F}(r, d)$ may be represented as a certain linear section of a variety of complexes. From this fact we obtain information on the irreducible components of $\mathcal{F}(r, d)$.

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1. BASICS ON VARIETIES OF COMPLEXES.

1.1. Let K be a field and let V_0, \dots, V_n be vector spaces over K of finite dimensions

$$d_i = \dim_K(V_i)$$

Consider sequences of linear functions

$$V_0 \xrightarrow{f_1} V_1 \xrightarrow{f_2} \dots \xrightarrow{f_n} V_n$$

also written

$$f = (f_1, \dots, f_n) \in V = \prod_{i=1}^n \operatorname{Hom}_K(V_{i-1}, V_i)$$

The variety of differential complexes is defined as

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(V_0, \dots, V_n) = \{f = (f_1, \dots, f_n) \in V \mid f_{i+1} \circ f_i = 0, \ i = 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

It is an affine variety in V , given as an intersection of quadrics. We intend to study the geometry of this variety (see also e. g. [3], [6]).

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1.2. Since the defining equations $f_{i+1} \circ f_i = 0$ are bilinear, we may also consider, when it is convenient, the projective variety of complexes

$$PC \subset \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{P}\text{Hom}_K(V_{i-1}, V_i)$$

as a subvariety of a product of projective spaces.

Denoting $V = \oplus_{i=0}^n V_i$, each complex $f \in \mathcal{C}$ may be thought as a degree-one homomorphism of graded vector spaces $f : V \rightarrow V$ with $f^2 = 0$.

1.3. For each $f \in \mathcal{C}$ and $i = 0, \dots, n$ define

$$B_i = f_i(V_{i-1}) \subset Z_i = \ker(f_{i+1}) \subset V_i$$

and

$$H_i = Z_i / B_i$$

(we understand by convention that $B_0 = 0$)

From the exact sequences

$$0 \rightarrow B_i \rightarrow Z_i \rightarrow H_i \rightarrow 0$$

$$0 \rightarrow Z_i \rightarrow V_i \rightarrow B_{i+1} \rightarrow 0$$

we obtain for the dimensions

$$b_i = \dim_K(B_i), \quad z_i = \dim_K(Z_i), \quad h_i = \dim_K(H_i)$$

the relations

$$d_i = b_{i+1} + z_i = b_{i+1} + b_i + h_i$$

where $i = 0, \dots, n$ and $b_0 = b_{n+1} = 0$. Therefore,

Proposition 1. *a) The h_i and the b_j determine each other by the formulas:*

$$h_i = d_i - (b_{i+1} + b_i)$$

$$b_{j+1} = \chi_j(d) - \chi_j(h)$$

where for a sequence $e = (e_0, \dots, e_n)$ and $0 \leq j \leq n$ we denote

$$\chi_j(e) = (-1)^j \sum_{i=0}^j (-1)^i e_i = e_j - e_{j-1} + e_{j-2} + \dots + (-1)^j e_0$$

the j -th Euler characteristic of e .

b) The inequalities $b_{i+1} + b_i \leq d_i$ are satisfied for all i .

Proof. We write down the b_j in terms of the h_i : from

$$\sum_{i=0}^j (-1)^i d_i = \sum_{i=0}^j (-1)^i (b_{i+1} + b_i + h_i)$$

we obtain

$$b_{j+1} = (-1)^j \left(\sum_{i=0}^j (-1)^i d_i - \sum_{i=0}^j (-1)^i h_i \right)$$

as claimed. □

Notice in particular that since $b_{n+1} = 0$, we have the usual relation

$$\sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i d_i = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i h_i$$

1.4. Now we consider the subvarieties of \mathcal{C} obtained by imposing rank conditions on the f_i .

Definition 2. For each $r = (r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ define

$$\mathcal{C}_r = \{f = (f_1, \dots, f_n) \in \mathcal{C} / \text{rank}(f_i) = r_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

These are locally closed subvarieties of \mathcal{C} .

Proposition 3. a) $\mathcal{C}_r \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $r_{i+1} + r_i \leq d_i$ for $0 \leq i \leq n$ (we use the convention $r_0 = r_{n+1} = 0$)

b) In the conditions of a), \mathcal{C}_r is smooth and irreducible, of dimension

$$\dim(\mathcal{C}_r) = \sum_{i=0}^n (d_i - r_i)(r_{i+1} + r_i) = \sum_{i=0}^n (d_i - r_i)(d_i - h_i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^n (d_i^2 - h_i^2)$$

Proof. a) One implication follows from Proposition 1. Conversely, in the given conditions, we want to construct a complex with $\text{rank}(f_i) = r_i$ for all i . Suppose we constructed

$$V_0 \xrightarrow{f_1} V_1 \xrightarrow{f_2} \dots \xrightarrow{f_{n-1}} V_{n-1}$$

We need to define $f_n : V_{n-1} \rightarrow V_n$ such that $f_n \circ f_{n-1} = 0$ and $\text{rank}(f_n) = r_n$, that is, a map $V_{n-1}/B_{n-1} \rightarrow V_n$ of rank r_n . Such a map exists since $\dim(V_{n-1}/B_{n-1}) = d_{n-1} - r_{n-1} \geq r_n$.

b) Consider the projection (forgetting f_n)

$$\pi : \mathcal{C}(V_0, \dots, V_n)_r \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(V_0, \dots, V_{n-1})_{\bar{r}}$$

where $r = (r_1, \dots, r_n)$ and $\bar{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_{n-1})$. Any fiber $\pi^{-1}(f_1, \dots, f_{n-1})$ is isomorphic to the subvariety in $\text{Hom}(V_{n-1}/B_{n-1}, V_n)$ of maps of rank r_n ; therefore, it is smooth and irreducible of dimension $r_n(d_{n-1} - r_{n-1} + d_n - r_n)$ (see [1]). The assertion follows by induction on n . The various expressions for $\dim(\mathcal{C}_r)$ follow by direct calculations.

Another proof of a): Given r such that $r_{i+1} + r_i \leq d_i$, put $h_i = d_i - (r_{i+1} + r_i) \geq 0$ and $z_i = d_i - r_{i+1} = h_i + r_i$. Choose linear subspaces $B_i \subset Z_i \subset V_i$ with $\dim(B_i) = r_i$ and $\dim(Z_i) = z_i$. Since $\dim(V_{i-1}/Z_{i-1}) = \dim(B_i)$, choose an isomorphism $\sigma_i : V_{i-1}/Z_{i-1} \rightarrow B_i$ for each i . Composing with the natural projection $V_{i-1} \rightarrow V_{i-1}/Z_{i-1}$ we obtain linear maps $V_{i-1} \rightarrow B_i$ with kernel Z_{i-1} and rank r_i , as wanted. \square

Remark 4. *In terms of dimension of homology, the condition in Proposition 8 a) translates as follows. Given $h = (h_0, \dots, h_n) \in \mathbb{N}^{n+1}$, there exists a complex with dimension of homology equal to h if and only if $\chi_i(h) \leq \chi_i(d)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ and $\chi_n(h) = \chi_n(d)$.*

Remark 5. *The group $G = \prod_{i=0}^n GL(V_i, K)$ acts on $V = \prod_{i=1}^n \text{Hom}_K(V_{i-1}, V_i)$ via*

$$(g_0, g_1, \dots, g_n) \cdot (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) = (g_0 f_1 g_1^{-1}, g_1 f_2 g_2^{-1}, \dots, g_{n-1} f_n g_n^{-1})$$

This action clearly preserves the variety of complexes. It follows from the proof above that the action on each \mathcal{C}_r is transitive. Hence, the non-empty \mathcal{C}_r are the orbits of G acting on $\mathcal{C}(V_0, \dots, V_n)$.

Definition 6. *For $r, s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ we write $s \leq r$ if $s_i \leq r_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.*

Corollary 7. *If $\mathcal{C}_r \neq \emptyset$ and $s \leq r$ then $\mathcal{C}_s \neq \emptyset$. Also, $\dim(\mathcal{C}_s) > 0$ if $s \neq 0$.*

Proof. The first assertion follows from Proposition 3 a), and the second from Proposition 3 b). \square

Proposition 8. *With the notation above,*

$$\overline{\mathcal{C}}_r = \bigcup_{s \leq r} \mathcal{C}_s = \{f \in \mathcal{C} / \text{rank}(f_i) \leq r_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

Proof. Denote $X_r = \bigcup_{s \leq r} \mathcal{C}_s$. Since the second equality is clear, X_r is closed. It follows that $\overline{\mathcal{C}}_r \subset X_r$. To prove the equality, since $\mathcal{C}_r \subset X_r$ is open, it would be enough to show that X_r is irreducible. For this, consider $L = (L_1, \dots, L_n)$ where $L_i \in \text{Grass}(r_i, V_i)$ and denote

$$X_L = \{f = (f_1, \dots, f_n) \in \mathcal{C} / \text{im}(f_i) \subset L_i \subset \ker(f_{i+1}), i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

Consider

$$\tilde{X}_r = \{(L, f) / f \in X_L\} \subset G \times \mathcal{C}$$

where $G = \prod_{i=0}^n \text{Grass}(r_i, V_i)$. The first projection $p_1 : \tilde{X}_r \rightarrow G$ has fibers

$$p_1^{-1}(L) = X_L \cong \text{Hom}(V_0, L_1) \times \text{Hom}(V_1/L_1, L_2) \times \dots \times \text{Hom}(V_{n-1}/L_{n-1}, V_n)$$

which are vector spaces of constant dimension $\sum_{i=0}^n (d_i - r_i)r_{i+1}$. It follows that \tilde{X}_r is irreducible, and hence $X_r = p_2(\tilde{X}_r)$ is also irreducible, as wanted. \square

Remark 9. *In the proof above we find again the formula*

$$\dim(X_r) = \dim(X_L) + \dim(G) = \sum_{i=0}^n (d_i - r_i)r_i + \sum_{i=0}^n (d_i - r_i)r_{i+1}$$

Remark 10. *The fact that $p_1 : \tilde{X}_r \rightarrow G$ is a vector bundle implies that \tilde{X}_r is smooth. On the other hand, since $p_2 : \tilde{X}_r \rightarrow X_r$ is birational (an isomorphism over the open set \mathcal{C}_r), it is a resolution of singularities.*

The following two corollaries are immediate consequences of Proposition 8.

Corollary 11. $\mathcal{C}_s \subset \overline{\mathcal{C}}_r$ if and only if $s \leq r$.

Corollary 12. $\overline{\mathcal{C}}_r \cap \overline{\mathcal{C}}_s = \overline{\mathcal{C}}_t$ where $t_i = \min(r_i, s_i)$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Definition 13. For $d = (d_0, \dots, d_n) \in \mathbb{N}^{n+1}$ let

$$R = R(d) = \{(r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid r_1 \leq d_0, r_{i+1} + r_i \leq d_i \ (1 \leq i \leq n-1), r_n \leq d_n\}$$

We consider \mathbb{N}^n ordered via $r \leq s$ if $r_i \leq s_i$ for all i ; the finite set R has the induced order. Notice that R is finite since it is contained in the box $\{(r_1, \dots, r_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid 0 \leq r_i \leq d_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$.

Proposition 14. *With the notation above, the irreducible components of the variety of complexes $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(V_0, \dots, V_n)$ are the $\overline{\mathcal{C}}_r$ with $r \in R(d_0, \dots, d_n)$ a maximal element.*

Proof. From the previous Propositions, we have the equalities

$$\mathcal{C} = \bigcup_{r \in R} \mathcal{C}_r = \bigcup_{r \in R} \overline{\mathcal{C}}_r = \bigcup_{r \in R^+} \overline{\mathcal{C}}_r$$

where R^+ denotes the set of maximal elements of R . The result follows because we know that each $\overline{\mathcal{C}}_r$ is irreducible and there are no inclusion relations among the $\overline{\mathcal{C}}_r$ for $r \in R^+$ (see Corollary 11). □

1.5. Morphisms of complexes. Tangent space of the variety of complexes.

Now we would like to compute the dimension of the tangent space of a variety of complexes at each point.

With the notation of 1.1 we consider complexes $f \in \mathcal{C}(V_0, \dots, V_n)$ and $f' \in \mathcal{C}(V'_0, \dots, V'_n)$ (the vector spaces V_i and V'_i are not necessarily the same, but the length n we may assume is the same). We denote

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(f, f')$$

the set of morphisms of complexes from f to f' , that is, collections of linear maps $g_i : V_i \rightarrow V'_i$ for $i = 0, \dots, n$, such that $g_i \circ f_i = f'_i \circ g_{i-1}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$. It is a vector subspace of $\prod_{i=0}^n \text{Hom}_K(V_i, V'_i)$, and we would like to calculate its dimension.

For this particular purpose and for its independent interest, we recall the following from [2] (§2 – 5. Complexes scindés):

For $f \in \mathcal{C}(V_0, \dots, V_n)$, denote as in 1.1

$$B_i(f) = f_i(V_{i-1}) \subset Z_i(f) = \ker(f_{i+1}) \subset V_i$$

Since we are working with vector spaces, we may choose linear subspaces \bar{B}_i and \bar{H}_i of V_i such that

$$V_i = Z_i(f) \oplus \bar{B}_i \quad \text{and} \quad Z_i(f) = B_i(f) \oplus \bar{H}_i$$

Then $V_i = B_i(f) \oplus \bar{H}_i \oplus \bar{B}_i$ and clearly f_{i+1} takes \bar{B}_i isomorphically onto $B_{i+1}(f)$. Notice also that

$$\dim(\bar{B}_i) = \dim(B_{i+1}(f)) = \text{rank}(f_{i+1}) = r_{i+1}(f)$$

and

$$\dim(\bar{H}_i) = \dim(Z_i(f)/B_i(f)) = h_i(f)$$

Next, define the following complexes:

$\bar{H}(i)$ the complex of length zero consisting of the vector space \bar{H}_i in degree i , the vector space zero in degrees $\neq i$, and all differentials equal to zero.

$\bar{B}(i)$ the complex of length one consisting of the vector space \bar{B}_{i-1} in degree $i-1$, the vector space $B_i(f)$ in degree i , with the map $f_i : \bar{B}_{i-1} \rightarrow B_i(f)$, and zeroes everywhere else.

Proposition 15. *With the notation just introduced, $\bar{H}(i)$ and $\bar{B}(i)$ are subcomplexes of f and we have a direct sum decomposition of complexes:*

$$f = \bigoplus_{0 \leq i \leq n} \bar{H}(i) \oplus \bigoplus_{0 \leq i \leq n} \bar{B}(i)$$

Proof. Clear from the discussion above; see also [2], loc. cit. \square

Now we are ready for the calculation of $\dim_K \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(f, f')$.

Proposition 16. *With the previous notation, we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_K \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(f, f') &= \sum_i h_i h'_i + h_i r'_i + r_i h'_{i-1} + r_i r'_i + r_i r'_{i-1} \\ &= \sum_i h_i (h'_i + r'_i) + r_i d'_{i-1} \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We may decompose f and f' as in Proposition 15:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(f, f') &= \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\oplus_i \bar{H}(i) \oplus \oplus_i \bar{B}(i), \oplus_i \bar{H}(i)' \oplus \oplus_i \bar{B}(i)') \\ &= \oplus_{i,j} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{H}(i), \bar{H}(j)') \oplus \oplus_{i,j} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{H}(i), \bar{B}(j)') \oplus \\ &\quad \oplus_{i,j} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{B}(i), \bar{H}(j)') \oplus \oplus_{i,j} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{B}(i), \bar{B}(j)') \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{H}(i), \bar{H}(j)') &= 0 \quad \text{for } i \neq j \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{H}(i), \bar{H}(i)') &= \text{Hom}_K(\bar{H}_i, \bar{H}'_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{H}(i), \bar{B}(j)') &= 0 \quad \text{for } i \neq j \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{H}(i), \bar{B}(i)') &= \text{Hom}_K(\bar{H}_i, \bar{B}'_i) \end{aligned}$$

(the case $j = i + 1$ requires special attention)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{B}(i), \bar{H}(j)') &= 0 \text{ for } i - 1 \neq j \\ \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{B}(i), \bar{H}(i - 1)') &= \mathrm{Hom}_K(\bar{B}_{i-1}, \bar{H}'_{i-1}) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_K(\bar{B}_i(f), \bar{H}'_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

(the case $j = i$ requires special attention)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{B}(i), \bar{B}(i)') &\cong \mathrm{Hom}_K(B_i(f), B'_i(f)) \\ \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{B}(i), \bar{B}(i - 1)') &= \mathrm{Hom}_K(\bar{B}_{i-1}, B'_{i-1}) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_K(B_i(f), B'_{i-1}) \\ \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bar{B}(i), \bar{B}(j)') &= 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Taking dimensions we obtain the stated formula. \square

Now we deduce the dimension of the tangent space to a variety of complexes at any point.

Proposition 17. *For $f \in \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(V_0, \dots, V_n)$ we have a canonical isomorphism*

$$TC(f) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(f, f(1))$$

where $TC(f)$ is the Zariski tangent space to \mathcal{C} at the point f , and $f(1)$ denotes the shifted complex $f(1)_i = (-1)^i f_{i+1}$, $i = -1, 0, \dots, n$.

Proof. Since \mathcal{C} is an algebraic subvariety of the vector space $V = \prod_{i=1}^n \mathrm{Hom}_K(V_{i-1}, V_i)$, an element of $TC(f)$ is a $g = (g_1, \dots, g_n) \in V$ such that $f + \epsilon g$ satisfies the equations defining \mathcal{C} (i. e. a $K[\epsilon]$ -valued point of \mathcal{C}), that is,

$$(f + \epsilon g)_{i+1} \circ (f + \epsilon g)_i = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n - 1$$

which is equivalent to

$$f_{i+1} \circ g_i + g_{i+1} \circ f_i = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n - 1$$

and this means precisely that $g \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(f, f(1))$. \square

Corollary 18. *For $f \in \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(V_0, \dots, V_n)$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_K TC(f) &= \sum_i h_i(h_{i+1} + r_{i+1}) + r_i d_i \\ &= \sum_i (d_i - r_i - r_{i+1})(d_{i+1} - r_{i+2}) + r_i d_i \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From Proposition 17 we know that $\dim_K TC(f) = \dim_K \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(f, f(1))$. Next we apply Proposition 16 with $f' = f(1)$, that is, replacing $d'_i = d_{i+1}$, $r'_i = r_{i+1}$, $h'_i = h_{i+1}$, to obtain the result. \square

1.6. Varieties of exact complexes. Now we apply the previous results to the case of exact complexes.

Let us fix $(d_0, \dots, d_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ so that

$$\chi_j(d) = (-1)^j \sum_{i=0}^j (-1)^i d_i \geq 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, n-1$$

$$\chi_n(d) = (-1)^n \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i d_i = 0$$

Denoting $\chi = \chi(d) = (\chi_1(d), \dots, \chi_n(d)) \in \mathbb{N}^n$, let us consider the variety \mathcal{C}_χ of complexes of rank χ as in Definition 2. Since $\chi_i(d) + \chi_{i+1}(d) = d_i$ for all i , it follows from Proposition 3 that \mathcal{C}_χ is non-empty of dimension

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^n d_i^2$$

It follows from Proposition 1 that any complex $f \in \mathcal{C}_\chi$ is exact. Also, since $\chi \in R$ is clearly maximal (see Proposition 14), $\overline{\mathcal{C}}_\chi$ is an irreducible component of \mathcal{C} . Let us denote

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}(d_0, \dots, d_n) = \overline{\mathcal{C}}_\chi = \{f \in \mathcal{C} / \text{rank}(f_i) \leq \chi_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

the closure of the variety \mathcal{C}_χ of exact complexes. Denote also, for $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$\chi^i = \chi - e_i = (\chi_1, \dots, \chi_{i-1}, \chi_i - 1, \chi_{i+1}, \dots, \chi_n)$$

and

$$\Delta_i = \overline{\mathcal{C}}_{\chi^i} = \{f \in \mathcal{C} / \text{rank}(f) \leq \chi - e_i\}$$

the variety of complexes where the i -th matrix drops rank by one.

Proposition 19. *The codimension of Δ_i in \mathcal{E} is equal to one, and*

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{C}_\chi \cup \Delta_1 \cup \dots \cup \Delta_n$$

Proof. This follows from Proposition 8 and the fact that $s \in \mathbb{N}^n$ satisfies $s < \chi$ if and only if $s \leq \chi - e_i$ for some $i = 1, \dots, n$. \square

2. MODULI SPACE OF FOLIATIONS.

2.1. Let X denote a (smooth, complete) algebraic variety over the complex numbers, let L be a line bundle on X and let ω denote a global section of $\Omega_X^1 \otimes L$ (a twisted differential 1-form). A simple local calculation shows that $\omega \wedge d\omega$ is a section of $\Omega_X^3 \otimes L^{\otimes 2}$. We say that ω is integrable if it satisfies the Frobenius condition $\omega \wedge d\omega = 0$. We denote

$$\mathcal{F}(X, L) \subset \mathbb{P}H^0(X, \Omega_X^1 \otimes L)$$

the projective classes of integrable 1-forms. The map

$$\varphi : H^0(X, \Omega_X^1 \otimes L) \rightarrow H^0(X, \Omega_X^3 \otimes L^{\otimes 2})$$

such that $\varphi(\omega) = \omega \wedge d\omega$ is a homogeneous quadratic map between vector spaces and hence $\varphi^{-1}(0) = \mathcal{F}(X, L)$ is an algebraic variety defined by homogeneous quadratic equations.

Our purpose is to understand the geometry of $\mathcal{F}(X, L)$. In particular, we are interested in the problem of describing its irreducible components. For a survey on this problem see for example [7].

2.2. Let r and d be natural numbers. Consider a differential 1-form in \mathbb{C}^{r+1}

$$\omega = \sum_{i=0}^r a_i dx_i$$

where the a_i are homogeneous polynomials of degree $d-1$ in variables x_0, \dots, x_r , with complex coefficients. We say that ω has degree d (in particular the 1-forms dx_i have degree one). Denoting R the radial vector field, let us assume that

$$\langle \omega, R \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^r a_i x_i = 0$$

so that ω descends to the complex projective space \mathbb{P}^r as a global section of the twisted sheaf of 1-forms $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^r}^1(d)$. We denote

$$\mathcal{F}(r, d) = \mathcal{F}(\mathbb{P}^r, \mathcal{O}(d))$$

parametrizing 1-forms of degree d on \mathbb{P}^r that satisfy the Frobenius integrability condition.

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Let us denote

$$H^0(\mathbb{P}^r, \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^r}^k(d)) = \Omega_r^k(d)$$

and

$$\Omega_r = \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} \bigoplus_{k=0, \dots, r} \Omega_r^k(d)$$

with structure of bi-graded commutative associative algebra given by exterior product \wedge of differential forms.

Definition 20. *Gelfand, Kapranov and Zelevinsky defined in [5] another product in Ω_r , the second multiplication $*$, as follows:*

$$\omega_1 * \omega_2 = \frac{d_1}{d_1 + d_2} \omega_1 \wedge d\omega_2 + (-1)^{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)} \frac{d_2}{d_1 + d_2} \omega_2 \wedge d\omega_1$$

where $\omega_i \in \Omega_r^{k_i}(d_i)$ for $i = 1, 2$.

In particular, if ω_1 is a 1-form ($k_1 = 1$) then

$$\omega_1 * \omega_2 = \frac{d_1}{d_1 + d_2} \omega_1 \wedge d\omega_2 + \frac{d_2}{d_1 + d_2} \omega_2 \wedge d\omega_1$$

Remark 21. *For $\omega_i \in \Omega_r^{k_i}(d_i)$ for $i = 1, 2$ as above,*

a) $\omega_1 * \omega_2$ belongs to $\Omega_r^{(k_1+k_2+1)}(d_1 + d_2)$

b) $\omega_1 * \omega_2 = (-1)^{(k_1+1)(k_2+1)} \omega_2 * \omega_1$.

c) *It follows from an easy direct calculation that $*$ is associative (see [5]).*

d) *For any $\omega \in \Omega_r^1(d)$ we have $\omega * \omega = \omega \wedge d\omega$. In particular, ω is integrable if and only if $\omega * \omega = 0$.*

Definition 22. *For $\omega \in \Omega_r^k(d)$ we consider the operator δ_ω*

$$\delta_\omega : \Omega_r \rightarrow \Omega_r$$

*such that $\delta_\omega(\eta) = \omega * \eta$ for $\eta \in \Omega_r$.*

Remark 23. *From Remark 21 a), if $\omega \in \Omega_r^{k_1}(d_1)$ then*

$$\delta_\omega(\Omega_r^{k_2}(d_2)) \subset \Omega_r^{(k_1+k_2+1)}(d_1 + d_2)$$

In particular, if $\omega \in \Omega_r^1(d_1)$,

$$\delta_\omega(\Omega_r^{k_2}(d_2)) \subset \Omega_r^{(k_2+2)}(d_1 + d_2)$$

Corollary 24. *$\omega \in \Omega_r^1(d)$ is integrable if and only if $\delta_\omega^2 = 0$*

Proof. The associativity stated in Remark 21 c) implies that $\delta_{\omega_1} \circ \delta_{\omega_2} = \delta_{\omega_1 * \omega_2}$. In particular, $\delta_\omega^2 = \delta_{\omega * \omega}$ and hence the claim follows from Remark 21 d). \square

Definition 25. For $\omega \in \Omega_r^1(d)$ and $e \in \mathbb{Z}$ we define two differential graded vector spaces

$$C_\omega^+(e) : \Omega_r^0(e) \rightarrow \Omega_r^2(e+d) \rightarrow \Omega_r^4(e+2d) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \Omega_r^{2k}(e+kd) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$$C_\omega^-(e) : \Omega_r^1(e) \rightarrow \Omega_r^3(e+d) \rightarrow \Omega_r^5(e+2d) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \Omega_r^{2k+1}(e+kd) \rightarrow \cdots$$

where all maps are δ_ω as in Remark 23.

Remark 26. It follows from Corollary 24 that $C_\omega^+(e)$ and $C_\omega^-(e)$ are differential complexes (for any $e \in \mathbb{Z}$) if and only if ω is integrable.

Remark 27. To fix ideas we shall mostly discuss $C_\omega^-(e)$, but similar considerations will apply to $C_\omega^+(e)$. If no confusion seems to arise we shall denote $C_\omega^-(e) = C_\omega(e)$.

Proposition 28. Let $\omega \in \Omega_r^1(d)$, $e \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k+2 \leq r$. Then $\omega * \eta = 0$ for all $\eta \in \Omega_r^k(e)$ if and only if $\omega = 0$. In other words, the linear map

$$\delta : \Omega_r^1(d) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_K(\Omega_r^k(e), \Omega_r^{k+2}(e+d))$$

sending $\omega \mapsto \delta_\omega$, is injective.

Proof. First remark that $\omega \wedge \eta = 0$ for all $\eta \in \Omega_r^k(e)$ (with $k+1 \leq r$) easily implies $\omega = 0$. Now suppose $\omega * \eta = 0$, that is, $d\omega \wedge \eta + e\omega \wedge d\eta = 0$, for all $\eta \in \Omega_r^k(e)$. Take $\eta = x_{i_1}^{e-k} dx_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{i_k}$ (here x_i denote affine coordinates and $1 < i_1 < \cdots < i_k < n$). Since $d\eta = 0$, we have $dx_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{i_k} \wedge d\omega = 0$. Hence $d\omega = 0$ by the first remark. Using the hypothesis again, we know $\omega \wedge d\eta = 0$ for all $\eta \in \Omega_r^k(e)$. Now take $\eta = x_{i_{k+1}}^{e-k} dx_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{i_k}$ (where $1 < i_1 < \cdots < i_{k+1} < n$). It follows that $dx_{i_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{i_{k+1}} \wedge \omega = 0$ and hence $\omega = 0$. \square

Theorem 29. Fix $e \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let us consider the graded vector space

$$\Omega_r(e) = \bigoplus_{0 \leq k \leq [\frac{r-1}{2}]} \Omega_r^{2k+1}(e+kd)$$

(direct sum of the spaces appearing in $C_\omega^-(e)$ above). Define the linear map

$$\delta(e) = \delta : \Omega_r^1(d) \rightarrow \prod_{k=1}^{[\frac{r-1}{2}]} \text{Hom}_K(\Omega_r^{2k-1}(e+(k-1)d), \Omega_r^{2k+1}(e+kd))$$

such that $\delta(\omega) = \delta_\omega$ for each $\omega \in \Omega_r^1(d)$, and its projectivization

$$\mathbb{P}\delta : \mathbb{P}\Omega_r^1(d) \rightarrow \prod_{k=1}^{[\frac{r-1}{2}]} \mathbb{P}\text{Hom}_K(\Omega_r^{2k-1}(e+(k-1)d), \Omega_r^{2k+1}(e+kd))$$

Denote $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}(\Omega_r^1(e), \Omega_r^3(e+d), \Omega_r^5(e+2d), \dots, \Omega_r^{2[\frac{r-1}{2}]+1}(e+[\frac{r-1}{2}]d))$ the variety of complexes as in 1.1 and $\mathcal{F}(r, d)$ the variety of foliations as in 2.2. Then

$$\mathcal{F}(r, d) = (\mathbb{P}\delta)^{-1}(\mathcal{C})$$

In other terms, $\mathbb{P}\delta(\mathcal{F}(r, d)) = L \cap \mathcal{C}$, that is, the variety of foliations $\mathcal{F}(r, d)$ corresponds via the linear map $\mathbb{P}\delta$ to the intersection of the variety of complexes with the linear space $L = \text{im}(\mathbb{P}\delta)$.

Proof. The statement is a rephrasing of Corollary 24 or Remark 26. \square

Proposition 30. *Let us denote*

$$d_r^k(e) = \dim \Omega_r^k(e) = \binom{r-k+e}{r-k} \binom{d-1}{k}$$

(see [8]) and in particular

$$d_k = d_r^{2k+1}(e + kd) = \dim \Omega_r^{2k+1}(e + kd), \quad 0 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{r-1}{2} \rfloor$$

For this $d = (d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{\lfloor \frac{r-1}{2} \rfloor})$ we consider the finite ordered set $R = R(d)$ as in Proposition 14. Then each irreducible component of the variety of foliations $\mathcal{F}(r, d)$ is an irreducible component of the linear section $(\mathbb{P}\delta)^{-1}(\overline{\mathcal{C}}_r)$ for a unique $r \in R^+$.

Proof. From Proposition 14, we have the decomposition into irreducible components

$$\mathcal{C} = \bigcup_{r \in R^+} \overline{\mathcal{C}}_r$$

From Theorem 29 we obtain:

$$\mathcal{F}(r, d) = (\mathbb{P}\delta)^{-1}(\mathcal{C}) = \bigcup_{r \in R^+} (\mathbb{P}\delta)^{-1}(\overline{\mathcal{C}}_r)$$

and this implies that each irreducible component X of $\mathcal{F}(r, d)$ is an irreducible component of $(\mathbb{P}\delta)^{-1}(\overline{\mathcal{C}}_r)$ for some $r \in R^+$. This element r is the sequence of ranks of δ_ω for a general $\omega \in X$, hence it is unique. \square

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